

A Newsletter from the Worshipping Communities of

**FAITH
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

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*Grace
& PEACE*
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*from Pastor Bethany*



**STAR  
WORD  
2023**

***"When the Magi saw that  
the star had stopped, they  
were overwhelmed with joy!"  
-Matthew 2:10***

Epiphany, the day the Magi visited Jesus, has become known as Star Word Sunday in our congregations.

Over the past 4 years I have received the star words:

2019 Freedom    2020 Judgment

2021 Prayerfulness    2022 Silence

Each has spoken to me and taught me in different ways.

When one receives a star word the invitation is to hold onto the word for a year. Live it. Breathe it. Discover it.

Share it. Study it. Write about it. Notice it.

Find out your star word for 2023 during Epiphany worship on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. Then let it guide you closer to God

just as the Magi were guided by the star. May the Spirit stir your holy imagination through a single word that is uniquely yours!



ANNUAL  
CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING

**Rock Creek January 29 10:30AM**

**Faith February 5 10:30AM**

Rock Creek will hold their annual meeting on Sunday, January 29, 2023 after the 10:30AM worship service. On Sunday February 5 worship times will switch. So that day, Faith will hold its annual meeting after the 10:30AM service.

These annual meetings are vital to the health and mission of our congregations. We will celebrate the past year of ministry and look ahead to another year of ministry. Some important decisions around budget and stewardship will be discussed as we look at the possibility of providing full benefits for Pastor Bethany. Please plan to attend either in person or via Zoom. Here is a Zoom link to the meetings of you are unable to attend in person:

Meeting ID 972 8353 3530 Passcode **346912**

<https://luthersem.zoom.us/j/97283533530?pwd=U0JiN1N5eTU2VDZQcGpXUnIXRUV2QT09>

If you are willing to serve on church council please contact a current council member to be added to the nomination form.



Worship times will switch at the start of February rather than January  
Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> 8:30AM worship Faith  
10:30AM worship Rock Creek followed by annual meeting  
Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> 8:30AM worship Rock Creek  
10:30AM worship Faith followed by annual meeting

## A Little Child Shall Lead Them...



Rock Creek Christmas Program



Faith Christmas Program



### January Schedule:

- Wednesday January 4 Rock Creek Learning Night 5:30PM
- Wednesday January 11 Faith Learning Night 5:30PM
- Wednesday January 18 Rock Creek Learning Night 5:30PM
- Wednesday January 25 Faith Learning Night 5:30PM

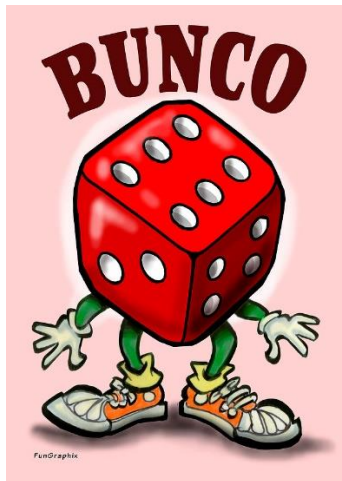
*DREAM  
Team*

Do you want to be part of putting mission into motion at church in the coming year? The Dream Team is being resurrected at Rock Creek and born at Faith and we need dreamers to join. Contact Pastor Bethany [frlcpastor@gmail.com](mailto:frlcpastor@gmail.com) or at 402-520-5504 if you want to be part of dreaming up ideas for our shared ministry. We will form the team in January and begin meeting in February.



2023 Upcoming Events for our youth. Mark your calendars now!

|                   |                                         |                                   |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| February 11       | 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade  | Christ Jam Gathering in Rice Lake |
| March 24-March 25 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade | Recharge at Luther Park           |
| June 25-30        | 1 <sup>st</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade | Luther Park Camp Week             |
| July 11-14        | Pre-K-6 <sup>th</sup> Grade             | Community VBS                     |
| July 24-27        | 8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade | Journey Gathering in River Falls  |



## GAME NIGHT

Bunco back in October was enjoyed by all ages. Let's have a rematch! There will be prizes and plenty of laughs. Invite a friend to game night!

Wednesday January 18 6:30PM at Rock Creek

Wednesday January 25 6:30PM at Faith



# Prayer Chain



**"Rejoice with those who rejoice;  
weep with those who weep."**

**Romans 12:15**

In 2023 we will be more intentional about praying for our siblings in Christ through organizing an active prayer chain. If you want to be included let Pastor Bethany know. She can call, email or text you with prayer requests as they are shared. If you have a joy or sorrow to pray for, please share them with Pastor Bethany and feel other's prayers surround you.



The generosity of these people sustained our radio ministry in 2022:

Bob and Mary Lee Bauer

Cathy Asher

Diane Knudsen

Hagness and McChesney Families

Jane and Pete Rahman

Jeff and Elissa Abramson

Ken and Ruth Abramson

Levi Suckow

Lynn and Phyllis Seyffer

Marlene and Dennis Zarling

Orlin and Sharyn Berg

Paul and Margit Churness

Reta Stewart

Rod and Tracy Rosemeyer

Stan and LaVonne Biel

Carol Joles

Debi Hurlburt

Eric, Jenny, Julia and Riane Hayden

Jack and Jane Weber

Jean Hermann

Karen Sundstrom

Kristine Bignell

Linda and Rex Hoover

Marissa Olson

Nick and Kendra Weber

Pastor Bethany and Nate Walker

Pete and Becky Richardson

Rick and Sandy Hagness

Sharon Schank

Step Into Dance

Steve and Linda Talford

Joe Krienke and Stephanie Thompson



Radio ministry costs \$50/broadcast. All dates in 2023 still need radio sponsors. Send \$50 to Faith Lutheran Church 1032 Prissel St, Durand WI 54736. This vital ministry needs your support! Sponsor in honor or memory of a loved one, in celebration of a birthday, anniversary or other milestone or in thanksgiving for the radio ministry.

### RADIO SPONSORSHIP FORM

I would like to sponsor a Radio Broadcast (\$50/week)

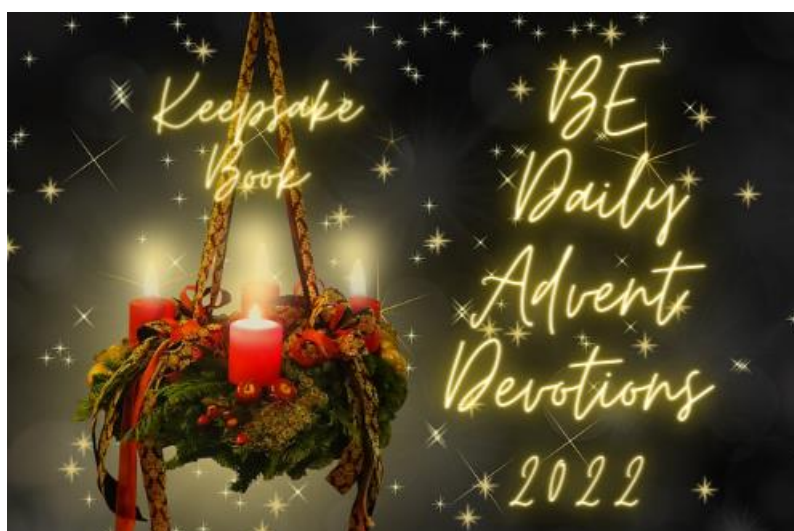
Worship Date to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Return with check made payable to:

Faith Lutheran Church 1032 Prissel St, Durand WI 54736



Thanks to all who contributed their heartfelt writing to our daily Advent devotions For \$5 anyone can purchase a book of all the Advent devotions written by members of Faith and Rock Creek. Simply fill out the form below:

I would like to purchase an Advent Devotional Keepsake Book.

# of books \_\_\_\_ @ \$5 each = \_\_\_\_

My name \_\_\_\_\_ My phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose a check made payable to Faith Rock Creek Common Council and mail to Pastor Bethany Walker at Faith Lutheran Church 1032 Prissel St Durand WI 54736 or drop it in the offering plate with payment

Faith Lutheran November Financial Report

|                                          | Nov Actual                | Nov Budget               |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b><i>Opening Balance</i></b>            | <b><i>\$18,817.40</i></b> |                          |
| <b><i>Income</i></b>                     |                           |                          |
| Offering                                 | \$4,393.75                | \$5,529.00               |
| Noisy Buckets                            | \$51.35                   |                          |
| Interest                                 | \$1.79                    | \$1.00                   |
|                                          |                           |                          |
| Thrivent Choice Dollars                  | \$264.00                  | \$166.66                 |
| Radio Broadcast                          | \$150.00                  | \$108.35                 |
|                                          |                           |                          |
| <b><i>Total Income</i></b>               | <b><i>\$4,860.89</i></b>  | <b><i>\$6,013.40</i></b> |
|                                          |                           |                          |
| <b><i>Expenses</i></b>                   | <b><i>\$7,475.97</i></b>  | <b><i>\$6,071.95</i></b> |
| <b><i>Ending Balance</i></b>             | <b><i>\$16,299.11</i></b> |                          |
| <b><i>YTD Budget Surplus/Deficit</i></b> | <b><i>-\$3,201.90</i></b> |                          |

| Account          | Nov. Ending Balance |
|------------------|---------------------|
| Checking         | \$16,299.11         |
| Property Savings | \$1,038.49          |
| Memorial Savings | \$9,055.92          |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>\$26,393.52</b>  |

Thank you for continued support! If you have any questions, feel free to give me a call at 715-672-4954 or 715-279-0413 and please leave me a message if needed or e-mail me at [gknoepke@mtdfwi.com](mailto:gknoepke@mtdfwi.com)

Sincerely,

Greg Knoepke

Faith Lutheran Treasurer

